

Genealogical Notes about Blanche Sweet

Below is a scattering of information gleaned from genealogical sources about Blanche Sweet, the silent movie actress, and her immediate family.

FamilySearch lists Sweet's mother as Clara Pearle Alexander, b. 1878, d. 1898. Clara's mother was Cora Blanche Lamb (married names Alexander and Cones), b. 1849. Clara married Gilbert Joel Sweet sometime between 1894 and 1896. Gilbert Sweet's father was Edward De Los Sweet, General Manager of the Board of Trade Telegraph in Chicago.

Sara Blanche Sweet was born in 1896 (although records vary as to the date).

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According to contemporary newspapers, Clara was a dancer and singer who died in Newark, NJ, in Feb. 1898 while on tour with "A Hot Old Time" with the Rays.

Gilbert Sweet married several times:

Cora Fisher Day, m. 1879 (died Feb 1895) after 4 kids; in 1880 Fed. census living as Man and wife with parents

Clara Pearle Cones, 1897 (died 1898) 1 kid

Minnie E. Williams, 1904 in Oregon [she's 26, he 47]

Adeline C. Cushman, 1907 in Alameda County, CA [she's 25, he's 46]

Gilbert Sweet lived various places and had various jobs, according to city directories and newspapers:

1890, Denver, General Manager of Kansas Coal Co.

1898, 1899, 1900 San Francisco, Salesman for RN Nason (dealer in oils, varnishes, and paints),

1901, Denver. living in Apartment

1904, Seattle, checks into Hotel with wife

1905, Seattle, traveling salesman

1907, 1908, San Francisco, Sales manager Union Oil Co. California; also 1908

1915-1916, NY City, manager of Union Porcelain Works

Gilbert Sweet Died 13 Nov. 1922 in LA County, listed as widower; cause of death hemorrhage from duodenal ulcer, <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G9SV-3SSY-S?view=index&personArk=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AQP7B-BB87&action=view&cc=2001287>

Blanche Sweet raised by her maternal grandmother, Blanche Alexander, b. 1849, died 15 July 1937, and buried in Old Springfield Cemetery, Springfield Gardens, Queens County, NY
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/194583893/cora-b-alexander>.